

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO.7139 OF 2005

Anil M. Manchikatla ..Petitioner.

Vs.

State of Maharashtra & Ors. ..Respondents.

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Ms.A.G.Bhaktwani for the Petitioner.

Mr.C.R.Sonawane, AGP for Respondent Nos.1 to 4
and 7.

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CORAM : F.I.REBELLO &

DR.D.Y.CHANDRACHUD, JJ.

20th October, 2005.

P.C. :

1. Rule. Heard forthwith. Learned AGP waives notice for Respondent Nos.1 to 4 and 7. In view of the order to be passed, notice to Respondent Nos.5 and 6 dispensed with.

2. The Petitioner has been admitted on a

reserved seat. The application for caste validity is pending before Respondent No.4. In the meantime, Respondent No.3 addressed a letter to Respondent No.5 on 6th September, 2005 informing that the Petitioner had applied for caste validity certificate and order would be passed thereon. Till date caste validity certificate has not been issued.

3. This Court in similar other Petition has taken a view that the requirement is directory and can be waived. Considering that and the matter is pending before Respondent No.4, Respondent No.4 is directed to dispose of the Petitioner's pending application for caste validity within a period of four months from today. Until such time, the Respondent management to permit the Petitioner to continue his studies. Rule made absolute accordingly. There shall be no order as to costs.

(F.I.REBELLO, J.)

(DR.D.Y.CHANDRACHUD, J.)